Visa on Arrival Scheme

1946. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Tourism had submitted a proposal to his Ministry some time back to offer to foreign tourists coming to India, the facility of visa on arrival;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating names of the countries included under the scheme;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when a final decision in the maner is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The proposal was examined but could not find favour in view of the security scenario prevailing in the country.

ULFA and Bodo militant camps in Bhutan

1947. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the ULFA and Bodo militant camps, set up in Bhutan;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to persuade Bhutan to root out militant camps in their territory; and

(c) the details of the response received from the Bhutanese authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Reports indicate that there are camps in Bhutan, which are being used by ULFA and Bodo

for safe havens, sanctuary and training purposes. The matter has been taken up with Government of Bhutan. The King of Bhutan has assured that Bhutan will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

Delay in investigation by Liberhan Commission

1948. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an inordinate delay in completing the investigation by the Librehan Commission instituted to delve into the causes that led to the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya in December 1992; and

(b) it so, the present stage of the investigation and by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The proceedings of the Commission are in progress and the examination/cross examination of witnesses is still continuing. As per the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Gazette Notification No. SO-608(E) dated 29th June, 2000, the Librehan Ayodhya Commission of Inquiry is required to submit its report on or before the 31th December, 2000.

Protection of innocent people visiting religious places

1949. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide adequate security of police personnel at all places of worship in view of a series of bomb blasts at various religious places in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and